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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on December 12, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

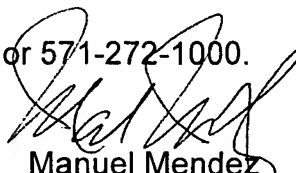
The examiner respectfully requests further explanation and discussion concerning the phrase "not having a default operative orientation". Specifically, the examiner requests that applicant references this phrase to the specification in order to provide support for the amendment. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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